WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICE OF FOOD SAFETY AND SHELLFISH PROGRAMS

ANNUAL GROWING AREA REVIEW

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AREA: Similk Bay

YEAR ENDING: December 31, 2005

CLASSIFICATION: Approved, Prohibited

ACTIVITIES IN THE GROWING AREA IN 2005:

Samples were collected from each station in the growing area 6 times during the year using the systematic random sampling method.

ANALYTICAL RESULTS OF WATER SAMPLES:

Table #1 summarizes the results of all samples collected from the area. This summary shows that all stations in the area pass the NSSP water quality standard.

CHANGE IN ACTUAL POLLUTION SOURCES THAT IMPACT THE GROWING AREA:

We currently have no information indicating that the area has new sources of pollution.

CLASSIFICATION STATUS:

\boxtimes	Well within the classification standards
	Meets standards but some concerns
	Meets standards but threatened with a downgrade in classification
	Fails to meet classification standards

REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Table #1 shows that all stations meet the NSSP water quality standards for approved and prohibited classification and the area is correctly classified.

TABLE 1

SUMMARY OF MARINE WATER DATA (SRS)

Growing Area: SIMILK BAY

Classification: Approved, Prohibited

From **01/23/2001** To **11/02/2005 FECAL COLIFORM ORGANISMS/100 ML**

Station Number	Classification	Number of Samples	Range	Geometric Mean	Est. 90th Percentile	Meets Std.
95	Approved	30	1.7 - 17.0	2.3	5.0	Yes
96	Approved	30	1.7 - 7.8	2.0	3.0	Yes
100	Approved	30	1.7 - 23.0	2.5	7.0	Yes
101	Approved	30	1.7 - 23.0	2.6	6.0	Yes
102	Approved	30	1.7 - 7.8	2.5	5.0	Yes
103	Approved	30	1.7 - 170.0	2.3	7.0	Yes
104	Approved	30	1.7 - 9.3	2.5	5.0	Yes
105	Approved	30	1.7 - 33.0	2.2	5.0	Yes
97	Prohibited	30	1.7 - 13.0	2.0	3.0	Yes
98	Prohibited	30	1.7 - 79.0	2.5	7.0	Yes
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All tides information is presented

The standard for approved shellfish growing waters is fecal coliform geometric mean not greater than 14 organisms/100 ml and an estimate of the 90th percentile not greater than 43 organisms/100 ml. The above table shows bacteriological results in relation to program standards.

